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SUBJ : VOLUNTARY VISITORS: AIG-IMOUKHUEDE, FRANK

AND EKPENYONG, EZEKIEL EKEREKE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED URGENT REQUEST FROM CULTURAL DIVISION, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND LABOR, TO FACILITATE VISIT TO SPOKANE EXPO 74 OF TWO OF ITS OFFICERS CONCERNED WITH NIGERIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION AT 2ND WORLD FESTIVAL (FESTAC 751). MESSRS E.E. EKPENYONG, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AND FRANK AIG-IMOUKHUEDE, PRINCIPAL CULTURAL OFFICER, WISH TO STUDY EXHIBITION TECHNIQUE, CONTENT AND FORMAT. PLAN TO DEPART NIGERIA SEPTEMBER 28 AND ARRIVE SPOKANE BETWEEN 1ST AND 3RD OCTOBER. EXACT FLIGHT DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, THEY PLAN CALL ON NIGERIAN CONSULTE NEW YORK ENROUTE TO SPOKANE.

2. DURING TWO-WEEK STAY AT EXPO, VISITORS HOPE TO STUDY IN DEPTH DISPLAY TECHNIQUE (AND EQUIPMENT USED); HANDLING OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUS; FORMAT/ARRANGEMENT OF FAIR ITSELF; STATISTICS ON ATTENDANCE AND WHAT FACILITIES EMPLOYED ACCOMMODATE CROWDS; OPERATIONS PERSONNEL STRENGTH; NORXANIZATION DIVISION OF RESPONSIBLITIES. THEY HOPE ALSO TO SHARE ASSESSMENT REACHED BY FAIR MANAGERS ON HOW FUTURE EXHIBITIONS

MIGHT BE ORGANIZED GIVEN EXPERIENCE FROM THIS ONE.

3. REALIZE LLATENESS THIS REQUEST MAY PRECLUDE DEPARTMENT'S BEING ABLE TO ARRANGE IDEAL PROGRAM BUT WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER CAN BE

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DONE, GIVEN IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO FESTAC AND OUR DESIRE TO COOPERATE

AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. VISITORS WILL NEED ACCOMMODATIONS (DOLS20-DOLS25) FOR TWO WEEK PERIOD.

EXACT ITINERARY TO BE CONFIRMED LATER.

5. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

A. FULL NAME : MR. FRANK AIG-IMOUKHUEDE

I. PRESENT POSITION: PRINCIPAL CULTURAL OFFICER

II. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRESENT DUTIES: SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE OF NIGERIA'S NATIONAL EXHIBITION AT SECOND WORLD BLACK AND AFRICAN FESTIVAL OF ARTS.

PAST POSITIONS: EDITOR, 'NIGERIA' MAGAZINE 1971-SEPT 9, 1974
SENIOR SCRIPTWRITER, FEDERAL FILM UNIT, 1963-1971,
INFORMATION OFFICER, MID-2WESTERN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE JULY 1963-DEC. 1963
INFORMATION OFFICER, WESTERN NIGERIA GOVERNMENT SERVICE, FEBRUARY 1962-JULY 1963
SENIOR FEATURES WRITER, EXPRESS' GROUP OF NEWS APERS,
JUNE 1961-FEBRUARY 1962

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: 8/1/35; EDUNABON, NIGERIA
PRESENT CITIZENSHIP : NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS
SEX: MALE MARITAL STATUS : MARRIED CHILDREN 4-2 MALE
2 FEMALE; AGES: 9,8,6,3

EMERGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS: MRS. EMILY AIG-IMOUKHUEDE
9 MACDONALD ROAD
IKOYI, LAGOS

HONORS AND MEMBERSHIP: SOCIETY OF NIGERIAN AUTHORS

PUBLICATIONS: POEMS IN 'HORN', BLACK ORPHEUS, MODERN POETRY OF AFRICA, ANTHOLOGY OF AFRICAN POETRY (ED. LANGSTON HUGHES) READ ON BBC AND VOICE OF NIGERIA. PLAYS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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RADIO; REVIEWS ON CULTURE AND ART; PLAYS: DAY OF SAOSWBOD (PUBLISHED IN NIGERIA) IDODE THE SECOND (TRANSLATED TO GERMAN) ETC.

PREVIOUS US TRAVEL: NIL

PREVIOUS US GRANT: NIL

PREVIOUS TRAVEL OTHER COUNTRIES: EGYPT, CANADA, JULY 1974; MAURITIUS DEC. 1973; MALAGASY, KENYA,

TANZANIA, SOMALIA, SUDAN, ETHIOPIA, 1973; ZAMBIA,
UGANDA, TANZANIA, 1972; KENYA, ETHIOPIA 1972;
WESTERN GERMANY DEC. 1972; U.K. 1971; USSR 1968;
INDIA 1966-7; GHANA 1956, 1958, 1967.

KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER LANGUAGES: YORUBA AND ORA
CULTURAL INTERESTS: ORGANIZATION OF INDIA ART; ART GALLERIES,
PREFERABLY IN WASHINGTON.
AVOCATIONAL INTERESTS AND HOBBIES: CRICKET, FOOTBALL, ART.
PLACES OF INTEREST: WASHINGTON (SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION),
NEW YORK, SPOKANE.

B. FULL NAME: MR. EZEKIEL EKEREKE EKPENYONG
I. PRESENT POSITION: PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
II. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRESENT DUTIES: ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES;
PRINCIPAL ADMIN. SECRETARY IN NATIONAL SECRETARIAT
OF SECOND WORLD BLACK & AFRICAN FESTIVAL OF ARTS
AND CULTURE.

PAST POSITIONS: NIGERIA'S CONSUL & FIRST SECRETARY, REPUBLIC
OF LIBERIA, 1964-66; NIGERIA'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES,
CHAD REPUBLIC 1963

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: 1/1/30; IKOT UDO, ABAK SOUTHEASTERN
STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS

SEX: MALE MARITAL STATUS : MARRIED CHILDREN: 6
2 MALE 4 FEMALE; AGES: 19, 12, 11, 9, 7, 5

EMERGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS : MR. EKPENYUNG, BOX 3875, LAGOS
PUBLICATIONS: NIL
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PREVIOUS VISIT TO US: NIL
PREVIOUS US GRANT: NIL
PREVIOUS TRAVEL OTHER COUNTRIES: UNITED KINGDOM, 1955-1961,
1965, 1973. CHAD REPUBLIC, 1963, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
1964, HUNGARY 1965, YUGOSLAVIA 1973

KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER LANGUAGES: LITTLE FRENCH AND LATIN
CULTURAL INTERESTS: CULTURAL REAWAKENING OF BLACK PEOPLES
PLACES OF INTEREST: WASHINGTON (SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION), NEW
YORK, SPOKANE.
AVOCATIONAL INTERESTS AND HOBBIES: NIL
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